

Residents fed up with lights from GO Transit train yard

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A group of residents concerned with the lighting at a GO Transit train yard in east Milton have appealed to the Town and GC to do something about the situation.

Cartwright Crescent resident Linda Cormack presented a petition signed by 30 families opposed to the bright lighting at the layover facility in the Main Street/Fifth Line area to the Town's community services committee Monday night. The petition was also forwarded to GO.

"For those of us who back onto it, our bedrooms are just lit up. The lights are shining into our homes all night," Cormack said. "It's so bright, it's like a baseball diamond."

The train storage facility, which used to be located near Campbellville, went into operation near the residents' homes in January.

Since then, Cormack said they've been putting up with the lights and trying to get either the Town or GO to do something about them. But so far, they've had no luck.

Greg Ashbee, GO's manager of rail expansion programs, told the Champion the company is trying to fit the lights with some shields to remedy the situation.

"The lights have to stay on for safety and operational reasons," he explained, noting since the trains are running all day, they have to be serviced at night.

He also said the lighting levels registered as zero when tested at the back fence of the GO property.

Ashbee said when the layover facility was located in the rural area, it was about eight kilometers away from the Milton GO station, resulting in a lot of unnecessary miles travelled.

He pointed out the new site can also store more and larger trains, which fits in with GO's plans to add capacity to the Milton corridor.

In response to Cormack's delegation at Monday's meeting, the community services committee supported having staff look into and report back on the lighting issue.

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